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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: BDG RESPONDS TO NON-GAZETTED EMPLOYEES' DEMANDS; STRIKE
BEGINS

REFS: DACCA 2885

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE THREATENED STRIKE TODAY (MAY 9)
OF THE NON-GAZETTED (LOWER LEVEL) GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
(REFTEL), THE BDG ANNOUNCED PAY AND BENEFIT INCREASE DEMANDED
BY THE EMPLOYEES. ACCORDING TO A BDG ANNOUNCEMENT, IN
ADDITION TO ABOUT A 15 PERCENT SALARY INCREASE,
OFFICIAL FUNDS WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR RESIDENTIAL CON-
STRUCTION AND A BENEVOLENT FUND FOR EDUCATION AND MEDICAL
NEEDS OF DEPENDENTS ESTABLISHED. THE BDG ALSO PROMISED TO
EXAMINE WHATEVER "ANOMALIES" EXIST IN THE RELATIVE
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RANKING OF POSITIONS, AT THE HEART OF THE CONTROVERSY.

2. IN A PRESS NOTE, THE BDG SAID THAT THE ADDITIONAL
BENEFITS SHOULD MEET "THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS" OF
THE EMPLOYEES AND THAT IF THE EMPLOYEES SHOULD STILL
"INTERFERE WITH THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ADMINISTRATION
TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST," THE GOVERNMENT

WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TAKE "APPROPRIATE ACTION."

3. POLOFF OBSERVED SCORES OF EMPLOYEES LOITERING AROUND THE SECRETARIAT BUILDING EARLY THIS MORNING, BUT THE MOOD SEEMED QUIET AND ONLY A FEW POLICE COULD BE SEEN. LATER IN THE MORNING, EMBASSY LOCAL CONFIRMED THAT A STRIKE IS BEING OBSERVED DESPITE THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW PROPOSALS. NO VIOLENCE HAS BEEN REPORTED. SENIOR OFFICIALS ARE ATTENDING OFFICE.
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